Statement

Amended Forest (Conversation) Act, 1980

Name of the State	Date(s) on which request for settlement of rights on forest land was made
Karnataka	13.11.2003 and 21.05.2005
Madhya Pradesh	07.06.2003 and 12.03.2004
Orissa	24.03.2005
Chhattisgarh	23.07.2003
Assam	20.07.2004

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Agricultural contribution to GDP

2577. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the contribution of agriculture to GDP ratio is declining year after year; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the efforts made by Government to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) According to the data released by Central Statistical Organization, the contribution of agriculture including the allied sectors of forestry and logging and fishing to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at 1993-94 prices was 20.5 percent in year 2004-05 as against 21.7 percent in the year 2003-04. Details are given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) The growth in other sectors has been higher than the growth rate in agriculture. However, the Government has taken number of initiatives which

include multi-pronged strategy to address several issues in the agricultural sector. A series of policy initiatives has been taken in several vital areas like credit, irrigation, facilities, crop diversification, marketing infrastructure, horticulture, etc. to enhance production and productivity. The Government has underscored the importance of efforts aimed at turning the focus of commercial banks, regional rural banks and cooperative banks towards providing credit, especially production credit, to farm households. The other areas for higher investment include micro irrigation technology comprising drip and sprinkler irrigation. National Horticulture Mission has been taken up with focus on backward and forward linkages and development/ strengthening of agricultural marketing infrastructure, grading and standardization.

Statement

Contribution of Agriculture including allied sectors in total gross domestic product at constant prices (1993-94)

(In percent)

Year	Agriculture including allied sectors	Agriculture (crop husbandry and livestock)
1993-1994	30.97	28.39
1994-1995	30.32	27.82
1995-1996	28.00	25.62
1996-1997	28.46	26.16
1997-1998	26.50	24.26
1998-1999	26.42	24.34
1999-2000	24.99	22.92
2000-01	23.92	21.88
2001-02	24.03	22.01
2002-03	21.50	19.48
2003-04	21.71	19.81
2004-05	20.53	18.70

Note: Source CSO